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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the 3rd April 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 231.

As the hon. Member Sri T. P. Srinivasavaradan is not in his seat the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the Official Report of the proceedings.

Tiruvallur Municipality

* 231 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any representation has been received from Tiruvallur Municipality in August, 1960 about the inadequate supply of water and if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue): Yes, Sir.

The Municipal Council addressed the Government for according sanction for diversion of Rs. 15,000 from General Fund Account capital, to Water-Supply and Drainage Account, for immediate execution of certain water-supply works, due to very acute water-supply position. The Commissioner has been informed that sanction of Government is necessary only for diversion of earmarked funds and that the additional allotment may be made by reappropriation from the General Account and the fact reported to the auditors.

Government land

* 232 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMMED RAZA KHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government have leased or sold any land to the Reserve Bank of India, the Madras Port Trust and the All-India Radio, Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the terms and conditions under which they have been leased or sold?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

Guineaworm

* 23. *Q.*—SRI S. NATARAJAN (on behalf of SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any report has been received from the

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 203–204 infra.

health authorities in the Chingleput district that guineaworm are present in ponds and if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue): A survey report has been received from the Director of Public Health which shows that certain places in the District were infected. Water sources in the infected places where breeding of cyclops was noticed will be taken up for treatment with chemicals.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : *செங்கற்பட்டு ஜில்லாவில் எந்தெந்த இடங்களிலே இந்த நோய் இருப்பதாகக் கண்டு பிடிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது? அதை நிவர்த்திக்க என்ன பரிகாரம் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது?*

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : *மதுராந்தகம் தாலுக்காவில் ஓரத்தி கிராமத்திலும், செங்கற்பட்டு தாலுகாவில் சிங்கப் பெருமாள் கோவிலும் இருப்பதாக முதலில் கண்டுபிடிக்கப் பட்டது.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speach indicates revision by the Member].

II.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE LAND ACQUISITION (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961.
(L.A. BILL NO. 11 OF 1961).

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

'That the Land Acquisition (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1961),[a] as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration'.

Under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, compensation for the lands acquired is payable as laid down in Section 23 of the Act. Section 24 of the Act lays down the conditions which shall be ignored while arriving at the valuation of the lands. The market value as on the date of publication of the Draft 4 (1) notification compensation for damages, other reasonable charges for any shift of residence or place of business and in addition a solatium of 15 per cent of the total market value have to be awarded as compensation for the land acquired. In recent times there have been large increases in the market value of lands in urban areas, including rise in values due to speculative transactions. The consequence has been payment of heavy amounts as compensation to private landholders by Government for acquisition of lands for the very necessary and essential schemes of housing. Naturally, such large payments from the public exchequer to private individuals has limited the quantum of housing schemes that could be taken up by Government. The theory as to property rights has undergone a radical change in all countries making the

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 204–205 infra.